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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE CLAIM						\$260	\$0.00
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Appl. No. 09/214,723

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant: Takanori OKA  
Application No. 09/214,723 Group: 1653  
Filed: January 11, 1999 Examiner: A. Pawul  
For: NUCLEIC ACID ASSAY PROCESS AND ASSAY KIT

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 18, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 18, 1999, the due date for reply being January 18, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

2. (Amended) A nucleic acid assay process according to claim ~~1~~ wherein ~~the~~ detection limit for the target DNA which is the same as said labeled standard DNA and which is present in said sample DNA is A/B, the excessiveness of said sample DNA is at least B/A, wherein A/B is the fractional